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IN AN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "STEPS TOWARDS DETENTE," THE TIMES
OF MALTA OF FEBRUARY 10 PRAISED PRESIDENT CARTER'S DETERMINATION
TO BRING SALT II TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION AND HIS WILLINGNESS
TO OMIT FOR THE TIME BEING THE TROUBLESOME ISSUES OF THE
AMERICAN CRUISE MISSILE AND THE SOVIET BACKFIRE BOMBER.

THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDED: "PRESIDENT CARTER'S SUGGESTIONS
DESERVE THE FULLEST POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION BY THE SOVIET
UNION. THEY ARE, AFTER ALL, DESIGNED TO SCALE DOWN THE
NUCLEAR ARMS RACE, A STEP CONSIDERED TO BE ONE OF THE MAJOR
REQUIREMENTS FOR DETENTE BETWEEN THE TWO SUPER-POWERS AND
THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY BLOCS WHICH THEY HEAD. TALKS
ON REDUCING NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS COULD ALSO TAKE PLACE OUTSIDE
THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS. THE SOVIET UNION
HAS NOT YET SHOWN ITS REACTION TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S OFFER.
THE HOPE IS THAT THE SOVIETS WILL SHOW THE SAME WILLINGNESS
AS THAT EXPRESSED BY THE US PRESIDENT". RADDAY
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